

# **Appendix A**

## **REO Review Letter**



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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: JAN 12 2004

TO: Elaine M. Brong, OR/WA State Director, Bureau of Land Management

FROM: Anne Badgley, Executive Director



SUBJECT: Timbered Rock Fire Salvage and Elk Creek Late-Successional Reserve  
Restoration – Butte Resource Area Final Review

This memorandum is a final response regarding your May 1, 2003 request for clarification of interpretation of key concepts for the Timbered Rock Fire Salvage and Elk Creek Late-Successional Reserve Restoration – Butte Resource Area (RA). The Late-Successional Reserves (LSR) interagency work group reviewed proposals for the Timbered Rock Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on May 1, 2003, and provided several recommendations and findings to you in a memo dated May 13, 2003.

The workgroup conducted a final review of the EIS proposed actions on December 1, 2003 and concluded with the RA's findings that all proposed actions were consistent with objectives for managing LSRs. The issues reviewed include:

#### **Salvaging in stands less than 10 acres**

The FEIS proposes no salvaging in stands less than 10 acres, except those adjacent to areas identified as Fuels Management Zones (FMZs). The workgroup concludes with the RA's findings that this proposal is consistent with the Northwest Forest Plan (NWFP) Standards & Guidelines for salvage within LSRs which allows for salvaging in stand-replacement areas less than 10 acres to reduce future risk of fire to late-successional forest conditions.

#### **Use of the DecAID Wood Advisor in determining retention levels of snags and coarse woody debris (CWD) in salvaged areas**

The FEIS Preferred Alternative proposes leaving snags on a landscape level which meet the DecAID Advisor recommendations for southwest Oregon. The LSR Work Group concluded the use of the DecAID Wood Advisor tool for determining snag and CWD retention levels would be consistent with objectives for managing LSRs.

#### **Proposed research within an LSR**

Two research proposals are included in the Preferred Alternative for wildlife/snag relationships and reforestation. The Regional Ecosystem Office memorandum clarifying NWFP provisions related to review and assessment of new research proposals (finalized on May 12, 2003) concluded that no advance concurrence was needed. The workgroup concurs with the RA's findings that the wildlife/snag research is consistent with objectives for managing LSRs.

#### **Acre limitations for various restoration treatments identified in the South Cascades Late-Successional Reserve Assessment**

The LSR work group concluded that the acres and treatment prescriptions in the EIS proposed actions are consistent with the objectives for managing LSRs.

This memo serves as final documentation of the REO review. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Shawne Mohoric (503-808-2175).

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